Applied Microbiology Services Lab
COVID-19 Testing Technicians (Salary Recovery)

Purpose
As part of the university’s fall semester return-to-campus plan, which includes a comprehensive COVID-19 testing program, the Applied Microbiology Services Lab (AMSL), a joint, interdisciplinary lab operated by the Department of Microbiology, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Infectious Diseases Institute, Office of Research, will provide COVID-19 testing services using a saliva testing model. COVID-19 testing technicians are needed to conduct tests under the direction of the AMSL manager.

In an effort to provide overall operational efficiency in this effort, and given the likely short-term nature of the positions (< one year), AMSL is recruiting from the existing pool of Ohio State employees, including graduate research associates (GRAs), postdoc scholars, and research assistants using a salary recovery model.

Position Description
Under the direction of the Applied Microbiology Lab Services (AMSL) manager and as part of a team of COVID-19 testing personnel, AMSL COVID-19 testing technicians will perform tests on saliva samples utilizing the SalivaDirect RT-qPCR procedure using saliva samples from university students, staff, and faculty; provides direct support for all stages of the AMSL COVID-19 operational plan, including client services, sample processing, testing, and result analysis; operates specialized equipment and follows all testing protocols to produce results for input into the appropriate database(s); follows all required BSL-2 lab safety policies and procedures while conducting tests and operating lab equipment; works with HIPPA protected information and maintains confidentiality in all aspects of work functions; performs literature reviews, as needed; utilizes logistics management tools to organize data; trains new team members; maintains laboratory systems; schedules routine maintenance of equipment and troubleshoots problems with equipment; performs other duties as assigned by AMSL manager; work schedules may include non-traditional work days/times (e.g., evenings and/or weekends) to accommodate testing and lab needs; position is temporary (actual duration unknown, but less than ten months); background check required; must complete required training as outlined by supervisor within one week of hire date; individuals with H1B1 visa status are not eligible; additional restrictions may apply and will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Required Qualifications
Bachelor’s degree in microbiology or related field; experience working in research lab; experience with general lab equipment; ability to work with a diverse group of team members to complete tasks, as well as ability to work independently; well-developed communication skills (verbal and written); ability to work non-traditional work hours, if requested.

Position Structure
Positions will be structured for salary recovery not additional payment. That is, AMSL will provide funding for up to 25% of your current position salary for GRAs and up to 40% for postdoc scholars and research assistants, thereby decreasing your current position funding by the percentage of your effort dedicated to AMSL. For example, a current graduate research associate (GRA) holding a .5 FTE GRA appointment funded by departmental or research project funds and able to commit ten hours per week to AMSL would have 25% of her/his salary funded by AMSL, reducing the percentage of funding from other sources by 25%. Arrangements must be agreed to in advance by your supervisor and/or department/unit and a salary recovery appointment letter will need to be signed by employee and current supervisor.

If interested, please email your resume by Friday, September 4th, 2020 to:

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